



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Hastings Police Department, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Today, John Forrest, also know as John Forrest Rothermel, was sentenced by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf to a 15 year term of imprisonment following his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm. In addition to the prison term, Forrest was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release and pay a \$100 special assessment. The Court also forfeited the handgun possessed by Forrest to the United States. Forrest was arrested following a domestic dispute. Investigation determined that Forrest possessed a weapon in a storage unit located in Hastings, Nebraska. The Court determined that Forrest had been previously convicted of four felony crimes of violence, classifying Forrest as an Armed Career Felon, and subjecting him to the 15 year prison term.

Name of Defendant: John Forrest, also know as John Forrest Rothermel

AKA:

Age: 41

City of residence: Hastings, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I charges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), felon in possession of a firearm. Penalties include imprisonment of not less than 15 years nor more than life, a fine of \$250,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of not more than 5 years, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Hastings, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Hastings, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 29, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: September 23, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: September 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: September 23, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): March 31, 2009

Sentencing Date: September 18, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: July 29, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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